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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of March 13, 1972

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barford, Downs, Doughty, Elliott, Hattabaugh, Kluge, Lenihan, Read, Shuff, C. Smith, Trank, Whitlow

MEMBERS ABSENT: Owens, Whalin, Katsimpalis

STUDENT OBSERVERS: Mike Goetz, Alan Grosboll

The regular weekly meeting of the Faculty Senate was held Monday, March 13, 1972, at 12:00 noon, in the Heritage Room of the University Union. The minutes of the regular meeting of February 21, 1972, were approved after the following corrections were made: (1) In Appendix 2, the date in the first line of the last paragraph on page 1 should read 9/23/69. (2) On page two of Appendix 2, the last word in the fourth line of the paragraph entitled Summary, the word should be "inauspicious" not "insuspicious".

OLD BUSINESS

Report of Committee on Student-Faculty Relations--Classroom Visitation.

Item 1: Barford moved, seconded by Lenihan, to approve Item 1 of the report to read "that the policy of classroom visitation as presently constituted be modified." The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2: Shuff moved, seconded by Barford, to approve the prefatory material in Item 2 as modified to read:
With the recognition that both junior and senior members need to improve teaching skills and that both mutually evaluate one another, the following procedures be adopted in order to improve teaching and to make accurate evaluations:
The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2A: Downs moved, seconded by Shuff, to approve Item 2A as written in the report.
Kluge moved, seconded by Downs, to remove the word "periodic" from Item 2A. The motion passed with 9 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstention.
Smith moved, seconded by Downs, to add the words "at least one departmental seminar a year". The motion passed with 6 yes, 4 no, and 1 abstention.

Voting on the main motion followed with 9 voting yes and 2 no.

Item 2A now reads "at least one departmental seminar a year be held to discuss various teaching methods appropriate to the discipline and to encourage innovation in teaching."

Item 2B: Kluge moved, seconded by Downs, to approve Item 2B as written. Motion passed with 9 yes and 2 no.

Item 2C: Kluge moved, seconded by Smith, to delete 2C and 2D from the report. The motion passed with 6 yes, 4 no, and 1 abstention.

Item 2E: Elliott moved, seconded by Downs, to accept 2E as written. Motion passed with 6 yes and 5 no.

Kluge moved, seconded by Smith, that the chairman put the copy in final order and send a copy to the President, Vice-President for Instruction, and the Council of Instructional Officers.

A motion was made and seconded to table further discussion at this time in order that President Fite could make a presentation to the Senate. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT FITE'S PRESENTATION

President Fite appeared before the Senate to discuss the status of the recommendations made to him by the Program Review Committee. He assured the Senate that he was not going to act precipitously on the recommendations, however, he had reached a decision on two of the recommendations; namely, that the University go to a semester system, and that money be raised outside the appropriated funds.

A short discussion followed the President's presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faculty Advisory Committee

Mr. White, Eastern's representative to the FAC was in attendance to comment and answer questions on the Council's recent meeting held in Chicago on February 28, 1972.

Kluge moved, seconded by Smith, to publish Mr. White's report. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. (See Appendix I)

Student-Faculty Relations Committee

Shuff moved, seconded by Downs to remove from the table the Faculty-Student Relations Committee report. The motion was defeated with 4 yes, 6 no, and 1 abstention.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held in the Heritage Room of the University Union at 12 noon, Monday, March 20, 1972.

AGENDA

1. Personnel Matters
 - a. Interim-to-tenure policy
 - b. Promotion
 - c. Tenure
 - d. Dismissal
2. Classroom Visitation
3. Summer Rotation
4. Eastern's Graduated Tuition Plan
5. By-Laws
6. Improvement of College Teaching
7. Textbook Rental Plan

Tom Elliott
Secretary

FACULTY AND STAFF MEETING
Tuesday, March 21, 2:00 p.m.
Laboratory School Auditorium

"Retirement Funding Crisis"

(APPENDIX I)

Memo

To: Faculty Senate

From: R. White, English

Subject: Report from FAC/BHE

8 March 1972

The Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Higher Education met on Friday 25 February at Loyola University in Chicago. Some twenty members were present, also Bob Crane and Steve Sample of BHE staff.

Extensive discussion centered on the question of how high tuition should or can go. A BHE study report is due at the March meeting of the BHE, and reportedly will recommend very high tuition, joined with much increased scholarships, possibly "full-ride" scholarships. Among representative private institutions, tuition at Loyola is currently 80 percent of actual cost, at Bradley 92 percent, at the University of Chicago 90 percent. Figures on publics are not clear. A factor being watched closely is the effect of legislation defining 18 as the age of majority, as well as legal decisions about "emancipated" youth. If a student is "emancipated" from his parents at 18, then the probable legal conclusion will be that the family income cannot be used to determine scholarship awards, nor can the family residence be used to determine out-of-state residence (and thus fees). Decisions on these legal questions may change massively the practice of scholarships based on need, and thus the financing of higher education.

Discussed at length was interinstitutional planning, especially the idea currently being discussed by the BHE Task Force on the Collegiate Common Market: A University of the State of Illinois, whereby a vast network of course credits from across the state and from a variety of sources could be added together in a central credit bank to allow "external degrees." The FAC sees great danger in this proposal: (1) immense costs, (2) damage to institutional programs and institutional identity, (3) the possibility of degrees granted for which no faculty has ever set the requirements. The FAC awaits with concern formal presentation of the current draft proposal.

General unhappiness was expressed at Executive Director's Report #103, i.e., the BHE recommendations for Operating Budget 1972-73. A major concern is the budget's having now become a matter of executive rather than legislative decision. Another concern is the BHE failure to solicit university/college advice on the budget. Another is the low priority of education in comparison to other public needs. The BHE was declared to have become almost adversary rather than advocate of the universities. The function of the BHE is to represent the public interest in higher education; but currently the BHE seems to interpret this as protecting the public from higher education's greed for resources. By unanimous vote the FAC approved formal support of the following portion of a statement made recently to the BHE by President Corbally of Urbana: "The Board should not, in my opinion, support the unsupportable contention that all of the priority needs of higher education can be met with the amount of money proposed in these budget recommendations. We can bear our burdens but we must make the people conscious of what that burden really is. I believe that a key role of the Board of Higher Education in Illinois is to present the full story of higher education in Illinois--to face real and full reality even as we face that part of reality which involves dollars. This report, if approved in its entirety, falls far short of that hope and of that reality."

The FAC also approved unanimously a resolution that the Executive Director's (i.e., Mr. Holderman's) reports in future include details and evidence in the report, unlike E.D. 103.

An attempt was made to identify what various institutions are doing to implement BHE directives to reduce Teacher Education programs. Apparently little concrete action has been taken, although SIU--Carbondale has by a central faculty committee established specific admission maxima for each discipline on campus, approximating a 10 percent reduction over-all from current admissions to Teacher Education.

The next FAC meeting will be on 29 March at Mundelein College, Chicago, with the central topic being an attempt to plan for and establish broader faculty and institutional participation in establishing budget priorities for 1973-74, with 1972-73 being written off as a lost cause. (It will be noted that FAC is in fact meeting more often than had been intended; most members are attending, even though no longer supported by the BHE. Costs are limited, however, to transportation, at least for Eastern's representative. Various institutions are hosting the meetings.)